



**Flathead County
Emergency Medical Services
Administrative Board**

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EMS Administrative Board Meeting
May 19, 2014 @ 1:30pm
Flathead Emergency Communications Center

Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD
Jason Spring
Karen Lee

Absent

Chuck Curry
Bob Kun

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Miller at 1:15 pm.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve agenda as received, Spring
SECOND, Lee; Approved

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve Minutes for April 19, 2014, Lee
SECOND, Spring; Approved

Citizen Comments – None

Blacktail Ski Patrol Request – Blacktail Ski Patrol is asking for some additional funding to help out with supplies. They currently only report the EMS calls that require patients to be transported by a transport agency to the hospital. They would like to report all patients that they treat on site, who then received care from a Hospital. They agree that they will verify that the patient went to a hospital for care before they report that encounter. Brower asked Scott Miller to give a report on the Advisory Committee's recommendations. S. Miller explained that the Advisory Committee discussed the topic and decided that with quality checks from the EMS Office they approved the request. The Advisory Committee recommends to approve Blacktail Ski Patrol's request. Brower explained that this would be an exception for Blacktail Ski Patrol only. Wayne Miller asked if this would be an issue with other agencies reporting more calls. Scott Miller explained that with the EMS Office monitoring, the Advisory Committee felt comfortable with the request. Wayne Miller asked for a motion, MOTION to approve request, Spring
SECOND, Lee: Approved

Spring Funding Formula (2273) – Brower presented the past 6 month's call summary for all agencies. The summary was altered to reflect the decision above concerning the Blacktail Ski Patrol. We have the authority to distribute \$236,906. Spring asked if this is taking our reserve

Others Present

James Brower
Dave Dedman
Linda Chambers
Kris Long
Scott Miller
Lance Westgard

fund down to the 5%. Brower explain it didn't, that lowering of the reserve fund will be reflected in the FY2015 budget.

MOTION to approve the funding formula, Spring
SECOND, Lee; Approved

EMS Regulations – Brower presented the Regulations draft after the Advisory Committee meeting. Brower reported that the Advisory Committee was concerned about one section about the release of medical records. The documentation was sent back to Tara Fugina, Deputy County Attorney, to adjust the wording and the adjusted wording was accepted by the agencies.

MOTIONED to approve the EMS Regulations, Lee
SECOND, Spring; Approved

Medical Director Report – Dr. Briles asked Miller to represent the County EMS office in receiving an award from Montana State EMS and Trauma Systems Section in Helena. This award is for having the EMS System of the Year. Briles added to Miller's comment that the system and the people that make the system work is the reason we received this award.

In 2014 Briles is going to work on some issues; the narcotic policy, and looking at some of the response areas for EMS to optimize patient care, and to determine if changes need to be made to the run cards.

Miller talked about the meetings of EMS agency heads had when the system was being formed and how everyone expressed their feelings that dispatching the closest EMS resource should be the policy.

Briles also reported that the Board of Medical Examiners approved the Smoke Inhalation protocol. This gives the Paramedic the ability to use a Cyanokit Kit to help the patient suffering from smoke inhalation.

EMS Manager Report – In Granger's absence, Brower reported that the EMS office just completed the last AEMT class to transition EMT's with endorsements to the AEMT level. We have an EMD class scheduled for June to train up more dispatchers.

Other Business/Future Agenda Requests –

Board Member Comments –

Next meeting scheduled for June 16, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned 1:51pm

James Brower, Recorder